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At meeting Royal Palace today King read statement appealing Papandreu and Kanellopoulos to find common solution to current political impasse. Papandreu then set forth reasons why elections should be held as soon as possible, while Kanellopoulos argued that due Cypriot events and economic situation elections should be postponed. Both leaders plan issue statements, to be broadcast this evening, supporting their positions. King expected make final decision within next 24 hours. While Papandreu camp remains confident elections will be proclaimed, political observers cautious about predicting what King's decision will be.

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